

REMARKS

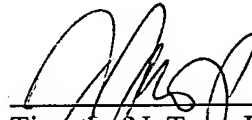
In response to the examiner's comment in the Final Rejection that the claims are not limited to using an unthickened slurry, the claims have been so amended. The claims as originally filed talk about a slurry made up of a fluid mixture including silica and a basic pH solution. See page 2, lines 23-25. Thus plainly it is talking about a conventional or unthickened slurry.

In the cited reference, it is necessary to thicken the slurry in order to reduce scratching. With the claimed invention all that is necessary is simply to let the slurry sit for a sufficient time.

Therefore reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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